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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

LEWIS JOHNSON, : 1:CV-00-1873  
Plaintiff : (Judge McClure)  
v. :

HERSHEL W. GOBER, Acting Secretary :  
of Veterans Affairs;  
RODNEY KISCADDEN; ALICE FIDLER; :  
PEG WINTERS; IRVIN ERICKSON; :  
RAYMOND KENT; and AMERICAN :  
FEDERATION OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES :  
LOCAL 1966, :

Defendants :

**FILED**  
**WILLIAMSPORT, PA**

**JUL 11 2001**

**O R D E R**

July 11, 2001

**MARY E. D'ANDREA, CLERK**  
Per lp  
**DEPUTY CLERK**

**IT IS ORDERED THAT:**

1. An **initial case management conference** will be held at July 26, 2001 at 4:15 p.m. The conference will be held by telephone conference call unless otherwise agreed by all counsel or otherwise ordered by the court. If all counsel desire an in chambers conference, plaintiff's counsel shall so notify the court in writing. Judge's chambers are located on the Fourth Floor (Room 410), Federal Building, 240 West Third Street, Williamsport, Pennsylvania.

2. At least one attorney for each party shall participate in the conference, be fully familiar with the case, be fully authorized to make decisions in the case, have full authority to

effectuate a complete settlement, and otherwise comply with Local Rule LR 16.2.

3. Plaintiff's counsel shall arrange for the conference call. (Chamber's telephone number is 570-323-9772.)

3.1 All counsel shall be ready to proceed when my office is contacted.

3.2 If the conference is held by telephone conference call, no counsel shall be permitted to attend in person.

4. The "Joint Case Management Plan" filed April 2, 2001 (which did not reflect participation on behalf of the federal defendants) and the Federal Defendants' Case Management Report filed June 20, 2001 will form the basis for the case management conference.

5. Counsel shall note that this district has not opted-out of Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26. The form for the joint case management plan contemplates discovery prior to the Rule 26(f) meeting and is, therefore, deemed to be an exception to the limitation of discovery contained in the first sentence of Rule 26(d). Counsel may, therefore, commence formal discovery at any time. Counsel shall not cease active discovery pending disposition of a motion to dismiss.

6. Topics to be discussed at the initial case management conference will include the following:

6.1 Settlement of the entire case;

6.2 All matters set forth in the completed Joint Case Management Plan;

6.3 Such other matters as may be conducive to the just, speedy and inexpensive resolution of the case.

7. Parties proceeding without counsel are subject to the same obligations as counsel.

8. It is suggested that the parties consider referral of the case to a United States Magistrate Judge for disposition. See 28 U.S.C. §636(c); Fed.R.Civ.P. 73, Form 34; Local Rule LR 73.1(e); Joint Case Management Plan form, paragraph 3.0.

9. No courtesy copies of documents shall be sent directly to the undersigned judge.

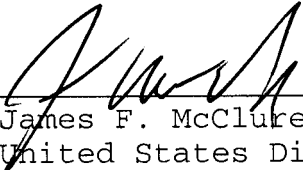
10. No document may be faxed to the clerk's office without express permission obtained in advance from the judge or his secretary or law clerk, which permission shall be limited to each document request, unless otherwise indicated.

11. As a general practice, the court will take no action based on correspondence. Counsel must adhere to the motion practice set forth in the rules.

12. To reduce delays in mailing documents between divisional offices, it is recommended that all future pleadings be filed in the Clerk's Office in **Williamsport** at the following address: United States District Court Clerk's Office, 240 West

Third Street, Suite 218, Williamsport, PA 17701-6460.

13. Please note that the Rules of Court for the United States District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania were last amended as of August 16, 1999. A copy of the current Local Rules may be obtained from the Clerk of the Court by writing: United States District Court Clerk's Office, 240 West Third Street, Suite 218, Williamsport, PA 17701-6460. The Local Rules are also posted on the District's website at [www.pamd.uscourts.gov](http://www.pamd.uscourts.gov).

  
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James F. McClure, Jr.  
United States District Judge

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE  
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

\* \* MAILING CERTIFICATE OF CLERK \* \*

July 11, 2001

Re: 1:00-cv-01873 Johnson v. Gober

True and correct copies of the attached were mailed by the clerk  
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Defendant	( )	
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Federal Public Defender	( )	
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Standard Order 93-5	( )	

Order to Show Cause ( ) with Petition attached & mailed certified mail  
to: US Atty Gen ( ) PA Atty Gen ( )  
DA of County ( ) Respondents ( )  
Bankruptcy Court ( )  
Other \_\_\_\_\_ ( )

MARY E. D'ANDREA, Clerk

DATE: 7/11/01

BY: lp  
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